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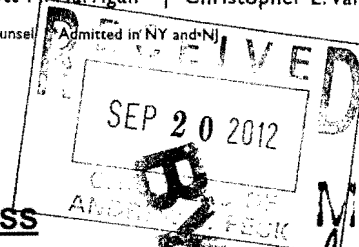
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Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007-1312

MEMO ENDORSED

*Approved. Per Ferret - to meet the
Court (at 212-RF-0036) at the time
of appearance. SO ORDERED:*

and
Hon. Andrew J. Peck
United States Magistrate Judge

Re: Ferret v. Prudential Ins. Co. of America – Index No.: 12-CV-0273 (JGK)(AJP)

Your Honor:

We represent the Plaintiff in the above captioned action. We write in connection with the settlement conference scheduled for October 1, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. before Your Honor. The Court's September 7, 2012 Settlement Conference Order provides that "[c]lient's must be present at the conference."

We respectfully request that the Court excuse our client from this requirement. Our client currently resides in France and is suffering from severe financial hardship. Not only would a flight to New York be expensive, but it would be very difficult for him to travel due to his intractable back pain. Additionally, we have full settlement authority from our client and our adversaries have consented to our client's absence from the settlement conference. Finally, our client is well aware that he has to be available by phone throughout the conference, and is taking measures to ensure that he has both a primary line dedicated to telephone calls the day of the conference, as well as a back-up number and accessibility to e-mail.

Accordingly, we ask that Your Honor issue an order excusing our client from appearing in person at the settlement conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TRANSCRIPTION OF MEMO ENDORSED ORDER

Approved. Mr. Ferret is to call the Court (at 212-805-0036) at the time of the conference.

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Judge John G. Koeltl